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Intemperance.

In looking at the past history of the world we discover many changes and are led to enquire the causes which have conduced to the decay of governments and national existence. We say, then, that there are periods in the world's history when drunkenness, thick and fast, seems to have settled like a pall on the human intellect, and palsied all its energies. Such was the night that settled slowly and fearfully over Europe, on the dismemberment of the Roman Empire, and shrouded the world for ages in its rayless gloom. But as those dark centuries went by with their leaden tramp blotting out nations from the map of nations, there was slumbering beneath a principle, which was ere long to burst forth, with volcanic energy, and place the human mind once again on that lofty vantage ground which Roman ambition and Grecian refinement had never attained.

Such was the reformation, when the human mind awoke from its death-like stupor and discovered this primary truth, that virtuous intelligence is the only enduring basis on which the fabric of human governments can rest. I ask, where shall we begin to picture the realities of intemperance?—We need not go back to the grave of buried nations and enquire; all have witnessed the desolating blast of intemperance, like the syrocco that bears death upon its wing.—Could I but lift the curtain which hides the secrets of the tomb, could the death chambers where sleep the dead be laid open to the daylight, and each one of their histories be revealed to the view of mortals, did all the causes which induce disease and murder, but stand out on the coffin lid or in horrid sculpture upon the walls around the dark prison house of skeletons and skulls, we should then read the startling truth, that intemperance cuts down and gathers into the grave-yard more than two-thirds of those who go to swell the list of the dead.

Oh! weep for the thousands whose spirits have fled to the regions of night, the dark home of the dead; Their history's truly enshrouded in gloom, Their requiem, the wind as it waves o'er the tomb.

Who can consider, without a shudder, the ruin of that principle within us whose nature is divine, and whose birthright is immortality? The traveler pauses in awe-struck silence to contemplate the ruins of those splendid monuments of art whose fame has filled all climes and all lands, but what think ye must be his feelings while he views a being a little lower than the angels, that beautiful specimen of God's handy work; this harp of a thousand strings once tuned in praise to Him who gave it birth, but now a fiend in human shape, waiting the awful summons of that spirit grieved. He wakes and in dark despair.

The scholar may surrender himself to that flood of melancholy which rushes on the soul while he views 500,000 of his fellow men standing upon the verge of that burning river, 50,000 of which go annually to swell the waters of that tartarian stream. Who has not seen powers the most gifted, and talents the most shining, debased and forever buried in oblivion. How many a son has risen with more than meteor magnificence, lit up the horizon with more than meridian splendor, and then sunk, ere noon, to the eternal midnight of the grave. If such be the effects of the evil under consideration in individual instances, with no previous knowledge of history and the actual state of facts, might we not predict with a tolerable degree of certainty its development on nations and national institutions, being as they are the aggregate of individual habits, while they so faithfully reflect their characteristics? It is true, that there are government gray with the moss of ages, where no such sentiment prevails. Yet there are those where vice and fostering corruption is interwoven, with every fiber, and as sure as the records of history or the deductions of philosophy are true, they must fall, and that irretrievably, thus affording but another demonstration of the great truth, that enlightened moral principle is the absolute condition of perpetuity. Admitting the correctness of this position, it follows necessarily that whatever tends to sap the foundations of morality or enfeeble the mental faculties, must be a powerful agent in the work of national decay. It is also true, that no sun ever rose with brighter beams than the sun of American liberty, and no nation ever marched onward in every department with more rapid strides; but amid unparalleled prosperity the self-denying principles of our fore-fathers have been retained but by the few. As we have rolled around in wealth and prosperity we have become indulgent to the calls of appetite until virtue and industry have been sacrificed at the shrine of Bacchus and intemperance, like a powerful incubus of death, has spread the pall of desolation all over this land of song.

Whenever any prevailing vice has fastened

itself like a canker on the vitals of the body politic, do we not see its manifest tendency on the general prosperity? But we do not speculate on this subject when we have before us actual tangible examples. Are we of the present not surrounded by the works of governments which have drifted down to us on the tide of time, and lie strewn in fragments on its storm-beaten shore?

What is the language in which these ruins of dead empires address us? Could the victims of ancient folly and delusion but stand before us, methinks they would proclaim luxurious excess and intemperance as the prolific source of their downfall. What dashed to earth Rome's imperial eagle while soaring to universal conquest? Not the hords of barbarians that pounced like a torrent of desolation from the Alps down on the sunny plains of Italy. Its blight was carried on by a mightier hand than that of Cataline or Attila, and the genius of the republic found a grave amid her own vineyards. And Venice, that city of the sea, the beautiful bride of the Adriatic, there she stands

"Childless and crownless in her voiceless wave,
An empty urn within her withered hand
Whose holy dust was scattered long ago."

She stood for ages the acknowledged champion of christianity against the infidel hosts of the Turks, but a deadlier foe than either broke the sceptre of her sovereignty and left her a proud though fallen monument of liberty upon the waters, reminding us again that there can be no other effectual safeguard than a stern unbending principle of rectitude, planted deep in the popular heart, and developing itself in that high regard for law and order which is the true definition of patriotism. Such a spirit, and such alone in the governed, can give to their existence as a nation, a part of its own undying nature.

Eastmanville, Oct. 16, 1857. MARCO.

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NEW GOODS DIRECT FROM NEW YORK!!

CUTLER & WARTS,

Are now receiving their large and extensive stock

Spring & Summer Goods!!

Consisting in part of:

BEAUTIFUL FOULARD SILKS, at 75c a yard.

BLACK SILKS, from \$1.00 to \$1.75 a yard.

CHALIS DELAINES, Latest Styles!!

SATIN POPLINS,

LYONNAISE ROBES,

LAWNS, of all styles and prices,

SUMMER PRINTS, small and large figures,

BAREGE DELAINES,

PLAIN BAREGE,

GINGHAMS, DEBAGE,

FRENCH BRILLIANTES,

BROCHIE BORDERS,

Cashmere Shavels! Stella Shavels!!

Ladies' Embroidered Collars, from 25c to \$1.00.

Gents' and Ladies' Linen and Cambric Hdkfs.

Saxony Edgings and Insertings,

Cambric Lisle Thread,

Velvet Ribbons,

Fringed Trimmings and Dress Buttons,

Bonnet and Trifletta Ribbons,

Hair Braids,

Kid, Silk, Lisle Thread and Cotton Gloves,

Brass Hoops, Skirt Cord, Corded Skirting, &c., &c.

HATS AND CAPS.

Soft Wool Hats, Straw, Panama, Leghorn, Canton, and Palm-Leaf Hats, Velvet, Cloth and Silk-glazed Caps.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

Ladies' Fine Gaiters and Buskins. Misses' and Children's wear, of all styles. Men's Calf Boots, Shoes and Cloth Gaiters; all sizes of Youths' and Boys' Boots and Shoes.

CLOTHING.

The most complete and best assortment ever offered in this market.

We also invite your attention to our large STOCK OF GROCERIES: Pork, Flour, Corn, Meal, Oats, Salt, coarse and fine, which we offer at wholesale or retail. As we are determined to sell for small profits, we assure all our old and new customers that they will do well to look at our assortment while it is complete.

WALL PAPER.—2,500 Rolls, of all descriptions—as we have a large assortment, any one in want of paper, will do well to examine our stock.

CUTLER & WARTS.

Grand Haven, May 8, 1857. 288

COLLINS and Great Western Axes, for sale cheap by

CUTLER & WARTS,

Thankful for the patronage bestowed while connected with the old firm of Haxton, Cutler & Warts, would ask a continuance of the same. Our old and new friends will find us ever ready to attend to their wants, at the old store.

February 9, 1858. C. & W.

READY MADE CLOTHING.

We have bought a Large Stock of Coats, Vests, Pants, and Under clothing, this fall, and will sell them very cheap and warrant not to Rep.

Call at C. & W's.

BONNETS.—We have the largest stock of Bonnets ever brought to this market, consisting of over 20 different kinds, prices ranging from one shilling, to the fine Leghorn at three dollars. Before you buy elsewhere, call at C. & W's.

OATS, Corn, Ship Stuff, Pork, Flour and Beans, constantly on hand at

Sept. 23, '56. CUTLER & WARTS.

PORK, Salt, Fish, Flour, Corn Meal, Oats, Butter, etc., just received and for sale low by

CUTLER & WARTS.

BOOTS AND SHOES just received

400 pairs Ladies' sew'd and peg'd Boots,

50 " " Gaiters,

50 " " Long,

200 " " Buskins,

100 " " Morocco Boots.

Also Misses' and childrens Boots and Shoes, Rubbers, Sandals and Ladies Fur lined Overshoes, Mens' Buffalo Overshoes,

" Boots, both kip and calf,

" Shoes, Slips, Pumps, etc., etc.

We warrant good stock and always keep a large and complete assortment.

Sept. 23, 1856. CUTLER & WARTS.

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BEAR IN MIND THAT

W. D. FOSTER & CO.

Keep the largest and best assortment of

HARDWARE

To be found in the

Grand River Valley,

And would particularly invite the attention of

BUYERS

To their Stock of

BELTING, PACKING, FILES,

MILL, CIRCULAR AND CROSS-CUT SAWS,

COOPERS' AND CARPENTERS' TOOLS.

Broad and Narrow Axes,

Glass, Sash, and

Nails.

DOOR TRIMMINGS,

Tin and Copper Ware,

COOKING, BOX & PARLOR STOVES,

Of every variety,

which they will sell at

REASONABLE PRICES.

W. D. FOSTER & CO.

Grand Rapids, January 28, 1857.

IF YOU WANT TO BUY

HARDWARE,

Of any kind or description, W. D. FOSTER & CO.

can, and will, sell it to you as low as it

can be bought in

DETROIT, GRAND RAPIDS

OR CHICAGO.

Grand Rapids. 1784

CULTIVATOR TEETH.—Steel cultivator teeth.

in quantities to suit purchasers, from one to one thousand, with or without woods.

W. D. FOSTER & CO.

FIFTY Dozen Hoes (to close out the stock), by the dozen. Send your money quick before they are gone.

W. D. FOSTER & CO.

LATH YARN. Hemp and India Rubber Packing, on hand at W. D. FOSTER & CO'S.

MANILLA ROPE.—A large supply on hand at W. D. FOSTER & CO'S.

1856 FALL & WINTER. 1856

Irving Hall Clothing Warehouse,

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

PORTER & MATHISON,

Manufacturers, and Dealers in every variety of

Ready Made Clothing!

Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings and Gentlemen's

Furnishing Goods. We have now received our

Fall and Winter stock which comprises the largest

we have ever offered in this market, and we

are prepared to sell them just as cheap as ever.

CLOTHES.

We have in store and are now receiving a large

assortment of black, blue, brown, green, and cadet

broads, of French, English, German and

American manufacture, black, mixed and striped

French Doeskins, ribbed, plain, checked, plaided

and mixed English and American cassimeres, blue,

brown, drab, and black West of England Beavers

and Devonshire Kerseys, fancy overcoatings of

every style and quality, black, brown, ribbed, mixed

and plaid Union Cassimeres, cassinetts, satinets,

cassimeretts, Emmetts, sheep's grays, cottonades,

etc.

VESTINGS.

Black, check and fancy Velvets, black and figured

satinets, plain and figured grenadine, barathen

and broadsides, plain, striped and checked farmers

er's satin, white and buff Marseilles and cassimere,

Valencia, Rob Roy, etc.

CLOTHING.

Dress, frock, half frock and sack coats, made

from super black, brown, green and blue French,

English, German and American broadcloths, sacks,

half sacks and business frocks, made from cassi-

mere, satinets, sheep's gray, Kentucky Jean, cassi-

meretts, cottonades, double and single breasted.

VESTS.

Plain and fancy velvets, black satin, figured do,

plain and figured Barathene, grenadine and broad-

side silks, white and Marseilles, broadcloths, cas-

simere, satinets, tweeds, valencia, poplins, cassi-

meretts and alpacaes, double and single breasted.

PANTS.

A large assortment made from super black and

colored doeskins, broadcloths and cassimeres,

black, plaid, fancy and mixed cassimeres, sheep's

gray satinets, cottonades, cassinetts, tweeds and

Kentucky Jeans.

Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods.

Gents silk wrappers and drawers, mixed and

white knit Saxony merino and cotton, red and

Canton flannel, do. White, fancy striped and

checked gingham shirts, hickory, do., also heavy

drab, blue, mixed and anchor flannel over shirts.

Travels—Victoria DeOrsay, Beaufort Opera and

Napoleon Ties, Senris and handkerchiefs of plain

and figured plaid and checked silk, satin, silk and

linen, lawn, gingham, etc. Stocks—Plain and

fancy tab, plain, embroidered and diamond bows, etc.

Pocket Handkerchiefs—White and bordered linen,

white and figured China and Pongee silks. Black

and colored kid gloves, silk, silk and linen, lisle

thread and cotton do. Mixed, brown and striped

cotton half hose; also a large lot of country knit

socks.

HATS.

Leary's full style of silk and mole hats, cassi-

mere, beaver, know-nothings and wide-awakes,

fur and wool, Kossuth, Webster, Ingraham, caval-

ier, citizen and Alboni do., also a large assortment

of black, brown and fancy silk and cotton plush

caps, from 3s to \$3.50, black, brown and drab cloth

do., silk and cotton glazed do.

Boys' Clothing.

Boys' frock, sack and half sack coats, over coats,

pants, vests and overalls, youth's patent leather

belts, etc., etc.

Custom Work

Cut and made to order on short notice, in the

latest styles, and warranted to fit.

PORTER & MATHISON.

Irving Hall, Grand Rapids, Mich.

229 tf.

COTTONADE PANTS, for 50 cents.

PORTER & MATHISON.

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A. X. CARY & CO.,

Produce & Commission Merchants,

Dealers in

FLOUR, CORN, CORN-MEAL,

PORK, FISH, SALT, WATER-LIME,

BUTTER, EGGS, &c.

Store three doors below the National Hotel, and

nearly opposite the Catholic Church,

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Ferry & Sons, Blake & Hubbard, Grand Haven,

Galen Eastman, Bailly & Mead, Chicago.

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AND

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The subscriber has recently opened a store on

Canal street, opposite the Public Hall, where he

keeps constantly on hand a large assortment of

Farming Implements, Machines, Seeds, &c.

He is also manufacturing PLOWS of the

most approved Eastern Patterns (including the

celebrated Curtis Plow), also, Cultivators, Grain

Cradles, &c. He keeps constantly on hand Points

for more than fifteen different kinds of Plows.

These Points, as well as all other castings made